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grantee, a copy will be attached to the instrument.

(f) *Execution of deed.* (1) The Division Engineer will forward to DAEN-REM a draft of the deed, prepared in final form, together with copies of as many of the items listed below as are appropriate depending on the nature and purpose of the conveyance, any other information necessary for a complete understanding of the case, and the remarks and recommendations of the Division and District Engineer. Upon approval of the proposed disposal by DAEN-REM, the deed will be forwarded to higher authority for execution and returned to the District Engineer for delivery and distribution.

(2) Items to be forwarded with draft of deed proposed for execution, as appropriate:

(i) Real Property Classification, ENG Form 1825.

(ii) Application or plan for use and procurement with recommendations and determinations of other interested Federal agencies when the conveyance is under one of the special acts listed in §§ 644.425 through 644.432.

(iii) Disposal plans.

(iv) Appraisal where not included in paragraph (f)(2)(iii) of this section.

(v) Statement on advertising conducted.

(vi) Abstract of bids.

(vii) Relocation contract or change agreement.

(g) *Distribution of deeds.* Deeds will be delivered by the District Engineer and recorded by or at the expense of the grantee. Upon delivery and recordation of any deed conveying Army, Air Force, or nondefense property, the District Engineer will conform two copies by endorsing thereon the date and manner of delivery, and the date, time and place of recordation in the public land records. One conformed copy will be forwarded to HQDA (DAEN-REM) WASH DC 20314, and the other conformed copy to HQDA (DAEN-REP) WASH DC 20314. This requirement extends to copies of deeds executed by other disposal agencies and furnished District Engineers pursuant to FPMR 101-47.307-3(b). Two additional copies of deeds delivered by District Engineers will be conformed and furnished any other Federal agency charged with

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compliance enforcement of any reservations, restrictions, or conditions in the deed.

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DISPOSAL OF LEASEHOLDS AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS

§ 644.444 Authority.

Surplus leasehold interests in real property are disposed of under authority delegated by the General Services Administration (GSA) to the Department of Defense (DOD). DOD has re-delegated this authority to the military departments. DEs, within the limits of the authority delegated, have been authorized to terminate leases, execute agreements in settlement of restoration obligations, and perform necessary restoration work required by lease terms, directly or by contract, in accordance with the provisions stated in §§ 644.444 through 644.471. Exceptions are where: (a) Under the terms of the lease the leasehold is transferable to third parties or Government-owned improvements on leased airport or other special types of leased property have an in-place value to the lessor for airport or other special purposes; or (b) the leasehold or Government-owned improvements may be disposed of to eligible public agencies under special statutes (FPMR 101-47.4905), in which cases the procedures provided in §§ 644.400 through 644.443 will be applied to the extent applicable. Disposals within the scope of the above exceptions require the prior approval of DAEN-REM.

§ 644.445 Procedure for termination of leases.

When leased premises are no longer required for use by the Government, a notice of termination will be given to the lessor in accordance with the terms of the lease, effective as of the date of vacation. The termination notice will be served sufficiently in advance to allow time for compliance by the Government with terms of leases providing for removal of improvements and restoration of premises. Where a lease does not contain provision for continuing renewal without notice and will automatically expire, the Government is not required to give notice

when it intends to surrender the premises at the expiration of the lease. However, the lessor should be informed, as far in advance as possible, of the Department's intention to vacate, in order that he may plan for a new tenant for other use of the premises. Where a lease provides for a continuing renewal without notice, the DE will ascertain in advance of the beginning of each fiscal year whether the using service has need during the next fiscal year for the premises. When the premises are no longer required, a notice of termination will be served in accordance with the terms of the lease. In the event the lease does not provide for termination by the Government, but the lessor will consent to termination, either in its entirety or partially, a supplemental agreement should be entered into to terminate or amend the lease as of the date the premises will be vacated, Government improvements removed, and restoration completed.

(a) *Forms of Notice of Termination.* Where leases provide for restoration, Notice of Cancellation (Restoration) will be prepared in sextuplet in accordance with Figure 11-11 in ER 405-1-12. Notice of Cancellation, Figure 11-12 in ER 405-1-12, will be used for leases which do not provide for restoration or for leases where written notice requiring restoration has been submitted by the lessor prior to termination. Notice of termination will be prepared on the letterhead of the DE concerned, who will assign his own form-letter number.

(b) *Manner of serving Notice of Cancellation.* The Notice of Termination must conform to requirements of state law, and will, whenever possible, be served personally upon the lessor. In some states, to be legally effective personal service is mandatory, unless expressly waived. The lessor will be requested to execute the acknowledgment of receipt of notice on the form. Where the service is effected by registered or certified mail, a return receipt will be requested and a sufficient number of days (in addition to the stipulated period of notice) will be allowed for transmission and receipt of notice. The return receipt properly signed will be evidence that full notice required by the lease has been given. Should the owner refuse or fail to acknowledge re-

ceipt of the notice, the officer serving the notice will so certify thereon, giving the date and method of service. In the case of an absentee lessor, where time will not permit use of certified or registered mail for effecting service, notice will be given by telegram to be delivered, not telephoned, to the addressee. In the case of notice by personal service, any available Army facility or personnel in the lessor's locality may be used.

(c) *Distribution of Notice of Termination.* The original notice of termination will be delivered to the lessor; one copy to the finance and accounting officer who pays the rental; one copy to the using service; and one copy to the DE office files.

§ 644.446 Vacation and protection of premises.

The DE will take action to insure that the premises are vacated by the using service on or before the date specified in the termination notice (or the date of expiration of the lease where formal notice is not required), and will assure provision is made by either the using service or the DE, as appropriate, for proper protection of the property pending the transfer of custody to the lessor pursuant to §§ 644.368 through 644.375 and AR 405-90.

§ 644.447 Joint survey of premises.

(a) *When required.* As soon as practical after restoration is requested by the lessor, a terminal condition report to reflect the condition of the leased property as of the termination of the lease, and a terminal survey to determine the extent of restoration required, if any, will be prepared. The lessor will be invited to have his estimators accompany the survey party. The lessor's estimates of restoration costs should be obtained promptly, and included in the terminal survey for purposes of comparison in accordance with paragraph (c) of § 644.454. Survey and condition reports will not be limited to items for which the lessor specifically requests restoration, but will include all items which the DE determines should be restored in order to fulfill the Government's obligation under the lease.